WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A disposable absorbent article for personal wear, said disposable absorbent article comprising:

a generally liquid permeable liner adapted for contiguity with the wearer's skin;

an outer cover;

an absorbent body between the liner and outer cover for absorbing liquid body waste penetrating the liner, said absorbent body comprising an inner layer and an outer layer, the inner layer being nearer the liner than the outer layer and having a lower absorbent capacity per unit weight than the outer layer, and a flow control layer between the inner layer and the outer layer for at least retarding the flow of liquid body waste from the inner layer toward the outer layer.

2. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 1 wherein the flow control layer comprises a permeable material.

3. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 2 wherein the permeable material comprises a film having apertures therein.

4. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 3 wherein the apertures in the film are each sized in the range of about 1 mm to about 10 mm

5. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 4 wherein the apertures in the film each have a size of about 5 mm.

6. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 4 wherein the film has an aperture density of less than or equal to about 14 apertures per square inch.

7. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 3 wherein the film has a thickness of less than or equal to about .003 inches.

8. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 2 wherein the permeable material comprises a meltblown, hydrophobic non-woven material.

9. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 8 wherein the permeable material has a thickness of less than or equal to about 1 mm.

10. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 1 wherein the flow control layer comprises an impermeable material whereby substantially all of the liquid body waste flowing from the inner layer of the absorbent body toward the outer layer is directed by the flow control layer to migrate out toward peripheral edges of said flow control layer and then around said flow control layer toward the outer layer.

11. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 10 wherein the impermeable material comprises a film.

12. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 11 wherein the film has a thickness of less than or equal to about .003 inches.

13. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 1 wherein the inner layer comprises hydrophilic fibers.

14. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 13 wherein the inner layer comprises only hydrophilic fibers.

15. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 1 wherein the outer layer of the absorbent body comprises superabsorbent material.

16. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 15 wherein the outer layer of the absorbent body comprises only superabsorbent material.

17. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 1 wherein the inner layer comprises a mixture of hydrophilic fibers and superabsorbent material, the outer layer also comprising a mixture of hydrophilic fibers and superabsorbent material, the concentration of superabsorbent material present in said inner layer being substantially less than the concentration of superabsorbent material present in said outer layer.

18. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 1 wherein the flow control layer has a width substantially the same as the width of the inner and outer layers of the absorbent body.

19. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 1 wherein the flow control layer has a length substantially the same as the length of the inner and outer layers of the absorbent body.

20. A disposable absorbent article for personal wear, said disposable absorbent article comprising:

a generally liquid permeable liner adapted for contiguity with the wearer's skin;

an outer cover;

an absorbent body between the liner and outer cover for absorbing liquid body waste;

a surge layer between the liner and absorbent body for taking in liquid body waste penetrating the liner and subsequently releasing liquid body waste for flow toward the absorbent body; and

a flow control layer between the liner and absorbent body for at least retarding the flow of liquid body waste penetrating the liner toward the absorbent body.

21. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 20 wherein the flow control layer is disposed between the surge layer and the absorbent body to at least retard the flow of liquid body waste released from the surge layer toward the absorbent body.

22. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 20 wherein the flow control layer is disposed between the liner and the surge layer to at least retard the flow of liquid body waste penetrating the liner toward the surge layer.

23. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 20 wherein the flow control layer comprises a permeable material.

24. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 23 wherein the permeable material comprises a film having apertures therein.

25. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 24 wherein the apertures in the film are each sized in the range of about 1 mm to about 10 mm.

26. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 25 wherein the apertures in the film each have a size of about 5 mm.

27. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 25 wherein the film has an aperture density of less than or equal to about 14 apertures per square inch.

28. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 24 wherein the film has a thickness of less than or equal to about .003 inches.

29. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 23 wherein the permeable material comprises a meltblown, hydrophobic, non-woven material.

30. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 29 wherein the permeable material has a thickness of less than or equal to about 1 mm.

31. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 20 wherein the flow control layer comprises an impermeable material whereby liquid body waste contacting the flow control layer migrates out toward peripheral edges thereof and then around the edges thereof toward the absorbent body.

32. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 31 wherein the impermeable material comprises a film.

33. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 32 wherein the film has a thickness of less than or equal to about 3 mil.

34. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 20 wherein the flow control layer has a width substantially the same as the width of the surge layer.

35. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 20 wherein the flow control layer has a length substantially the same as the length of the surge layer.

36. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 20 wherein the flow control layer has a permeability which is lower than a permeability of the surge layer.

37. Toilet training pants comprising:

an anterior region, a posterior region and a crotch region disposed longitudinally therebetween, said anterior region, posterior region and crotch region being integrally formed and configured to define a central waist opening and a pair of leg openings of the pants, the crotch region extending generally laterally between said leg openings;

a generally liquid permeable liner extending from the anterior region through the crotch region to the posterior region and being adapted for contiguity with the wearer's skin;

an outer cover;

an absorbent body between the liner and outer cover, said absorbent body comprising an inner layer and an outer layer, the inner layer being nearer the liner than the outer layer and having a lower absorbent capacity per unit weight than the outer layer, and a flow control layer between the

inner layer and the outer layer for at least retarding the flow of liquid body waste from the inner layer toward the outer layer.

38. Toilet training pants comprising:

an anterior region, a posterior region and a crotch region disposed longitudinally therebetween, said anterior region, posterior region and crotch area being integrally formed and configured to define a central waist opening and a pair of leg openings of the pants, the crotch region extending generally laterally between said leg openings;

a generally liquid permeable liner extending from the anterior region through the crotch region to the posterior region of the pants and being adapted for contiguity with the wearer's skin;

an outer cover;

an absorbent body between the liner and outer cover for absorbing liquid body waste;

a surge layer between the liner and absorbent body for taking in liquid body waste penetrating the liner and subsequently releasing the liquid body waste for flow toward the absorbent body; and

a flow control layer between the liner and the absorbent body for at least retarding the flow of liquid body waste penetrating the liner toward the absorbent body.

39. Training pants as set forth in claim 38 wherein the flow control layer is disposed between the liner and the surge layer to at least retard the flow of liquid body waste penetrating the liner toward the surge layer.

40. Training pants as set forth in claim 38 wherein the flow control layer is disposed between the surge layer and the absorbent body to at least

retard the flow of liquid body waste released from the surge layer toward the absorbent body.

41. Training pants as set forth in claim 38 wherein the flow control layer has a permeability which is lower than the permeability of the surge layer.

42. A method of facilitating flow back through the liner of a disposable absorbent article to provide a prolonged feeling of wetness to the wearer of the article after the wearer releases a surge of liquid body waste therein, the disposable article being of the type having a liquid permeable liner adapted for contiguity with the wearer's skin, an outer cover and an absorbent body between the liner and outer cover for absorbing liquid body waste penetrating the liner, the method comprising:

directing liquid body waste penetrating the liner to flow toward the absorbent body;

receiving liquid body waste into an inner layer of the absorbent body for subsequent flow therethrough toward an outer layer of the absorbent body, the inner layer being nearer the liner than the outer layer and having a lower absorbent capacity per unit weight than the outer layer; and

at least retarding the flow of liquid body waste from the inner layer toward the outer layer of the absorbent body such that unabsorbed liquid body waste is maintained in the inner layer for a prolonged duration before flowing to the outer layer for absorption therein, thereby facilitating the flow back of liquid body waste from the inner layer through the liner to provide a prolonged feeling of wetness to the wearer.

43. A method as set forth in claim 42 wherein the step of at least retarding the flow of liquid body waste from the inner layer toward the outer

layer comprises directing liquid body waste in the inner layer to flow past a flow control layer as the liquid body waste flows toward the outer layer to at least retard the flow of liquid body waste from the inner layer toward the outer layer.

44. A method as set forth in claim 43 wherein the flow control layer directs liquid body waste to migrate out over the flow control layer toward peripheral edges thereof before flowing past the flow control layer for subsequent flow toward the outer layer, unabsorbed liquid body waste being substantially maintained in the inner layer of the absorbent body as the liquid body waste migrates out over the flow control layer.

45. A method of facilitating flow back through the liner of a disposable absorbent article to provide a prolonged feeling of wetness to the wearer of the article after the wearer releases a surge of liquid body waste therein, the disposable article being of the type having a liquid permeable liner adapted for contiguity with the wearer's skin, an outer cover and an absorbent body between the liner and outer cover for absorbing liquid body waste penetrating the liner, the method comprising:

directing liquid body waste penetrating the liner to flow toward a surge layer disposed between the liner and the absorbent body, the surge layer being constructed for taking in liquid body waste and subsequently releasing liquid body waste therefrom;

directing liquid body waste released from the surge layer to flow toward the absorbent body for absorption thereby; and

at least retarding the flow of liquid body waste released from the surge layer to the absorbent body to maintain unabsorbed liquid body waste within the surge layer for a prolonged duration, thereby facilitating the flow back of

liquid body waste through the liner to provide a prolonged feeling of wetness to the wearer.

46. A method as set forth in claim 45 wherein the step of at least retarding the flow of liquid body waste released from the surge layer to the absorbent body comprises directing liquid body waste in the surge layer to flow past a flow control layer as liquid body waste is released from the surge layer to at least retard the flow of liquid body waste from the surge layer toward the absorbent body.

47. A method as set forth in claim 46 wherein the flow control layer directs liquid body waste to migrate out over the flow control layer toward peripheral edges thereof before flowing past the flow control layer for subsequent flow toward the absorbent body, unabsorbed liquid body waste being substantially maintained in the surge layer as the liquid body waste migrates out over the flow control layer.

48. A method of facilitating a prolonged feeling of wetness to the wearer of a disposable absorbent article after the wearer releases a surge of liquid body waste therein, the disposable article being of the type having a liquid permeable liner adapted for contiguity with the wearer's skin, an outer cover and an absorbent body between the liner and outer cover for absorbing liquid body waste penetrating the liner, the method comprising:

directing liquid body waste penetrating the liner to flow toward a surge layer disposed between the liner and the absorbent body, the surge layer being constructed for taking in liquid body waste and subsequently releasing liquid body waste therefrom;

directing liquid body waste released from the surge layer to flow toward the absorbent body for absorption thereby; and

at least retarding the flow of liquid body waste penetrating the liner toward the surge layer to maintain unabsorbed liquid body waste in the vicinity of the liner for a prolonged duration, thereby facilitating a prolonged feeling of wetness to the wearer.